

LAFAYETTE COMMISSION ON THE NEEDS OF WOMEN

Minutes

April 7, 2016

Members Present: Brenda Andrus, Martha Bryant, Ann E. Burruss, Sally Donlon, Elsie Jones-Azare, JoAnn LeJune, Megan Morris, Trasima Richard, Deborah Elaine White, Marlice Young-Dugas

Members Excused: Claudia Hall, Kris Manuel-Sparks, Jennifer Webre

Members Absent: Patsy Randall

The meeting was called to order by Megan Morris at 5:30 pm.
Marlice Young-Dugas read the Purpose.

REFLECTION

JoAnn LeJune read the reflection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 3rd meeting were reviewed. Motion made by JoAnn LeJune to accept. Elsie Jones-Azare and Trasima Richard seconded – unanimous approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from LCG's legal department clarifying that as "public servants" LCNW is not allowed to fundraise.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A Treasurer's report was not submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: "A Night of Hope" Freedom Rally for Sexual Assault Awareness will be at Parc San Souci on April 26th from 6-7 PM. Hearts of Hope and CASA are onboard.
April 26th is the rally date at the Capitol as well. Marlice is trying to get on the Council's April 19th agenda to read the proclamation of Sexual Awareness Month. A press release will go out.

Health: Deborah Elaine White has been working on Night of Hope Freedom Rally with Marlice Young-Dugas.

Legislative/Legal: No report.

Membership/Hospitality: Interviews are set for April 13th at 5:45 PM at the Taylor Center. Megan Morris, Marlice Young-Dugas, and Brenda Andrus held a Women of Excellence meeting on April 6th, notes from that meeting were provided.
Megan Morris asks that every LCNW member nominate someone for the Women of Excellence Awards.
A couple of members like "Honoring a Legacy of Service" for the Women of Excellence theme.

Publicity/Public Relations: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Task Force – Press Release: Update – Press Release was sent to Shaneá Nelson, Community Development Director, who approved and sent it to Cydra, Director of Communications. Megan has not heard anything yet and nothing else has been done.

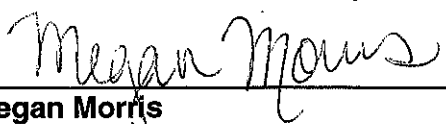
NEW BUSINESS


- a. May Board Meeting Date – Megan Morris would like to change the date to May 4th at 5:30 PM and try to hold the meeting at City Hall. Cancel May 5th date for LCNW.
- b. May Service Social/Potluck – There is a shortage of women's homeless shelters in Lafayette. Members in attendance discussed putting together "survival kits" in backpacks with medical supplies, grooming supplies, flashlights, and etc. A list is being put together of needed supplies to send out for donations of items. These items will be gathered together and put in backpacks one weekend in May or June at Kris Sparks' house where there will be a potluck. The kits will be called "Drive for Hope" or "Hope Kits". Brenda Andrus will ask Kris about June 11th or 12th to set as the date. Suggested items are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, umbrellas, socks, flashlights, wet wipes, and a greeting card with a message of hope. Members are to send suggested items to Megan Morris via email.
- c. LCNW Newsletter – Claudia Hall is ready to go with the newsletter. The newsletter will go out twice a year to start; the first one out this year will be around the fall. Brenda moves that LCNW does a bi-annual newsletter, Trasima Richard seconded – unanimous approval. The first newsletter will be available in September 2016.
- d. LCNW Brochure Review – A rough draft was presented for review. Megan reached out to Dr. Sarah Brabant for a testimonial; this has not been confirmed yet. It was suggested that:
 - The Purpose is added to the brochure
 - Harder stock paper is used
 - Under the History section, the fourth bullet is not appropriate. A suggestion by Elsie Jones-Azare is that it be moved to Current Involvements section.
 - Elsie also suggested not separating past and recent achievements.
 - Megan will send the draft brochure to Martha Bryant and Trasima to work on formatting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trasima passed her Dissertation and has received her Doctorate of Education.
- Brenda's nephew got a job at Intel Security in Dallas, TX. Also, her sister is becoming a Master Sergeant.
- Sally Donlon's daughter will participate in "Bike and Build", a program where participants bike 4,000 miles across the country from South Carolina to California. There will be 83 days of bike riding, 18 days of rest and building houses for Habitat for Humanity.

Brenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Elsie. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.


Megan Morris
President


Amy Deaville
Secretary/Liaison